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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated January 21, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-7, 12-26, 38 and 39, drawn to a method for controlling a pest by exposing said pest to an amino acid or compound.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 8-11 and 27-37.

Please substitute the following claim:

Claim 21 (amended):

The method, according to claim 1, wherein said pest has a V-type ATPase in its gut or midgut region.